

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending. Claims 56-63 have been amended. No claims have been canceled.

Claims 1-55 have been allowed.

I. Assignee Consent:

The Examiner has objected to the Assignee's consent to reissue paper because the person who signed the submission failed to expressly state that he was authorized to sign on behalf of the assignee, Micron Technology, Inc. Applicant remedied this by previously submitting new versions of (1) a Rule 3.73(b) Statement, and (2) a "Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee" paper. These were submitted with the original version of this response, and are not included here again.

II. Drawings:

The Examiner objected to the drawings for not depicting all of the limitations of claims, and in particular was concerned that the "Schottky barrier" limitation was not illustrated in the Figures. However, in light of the amendments made to the claims, which include deletion of the "Schottky barrier" limitation, Applicant assumes the Examiner would agree that all claimed limitations are now depicted in (e.g.) Figure 7, and therefore that amendment to the Figures is unnecessary.

III. Written Description Rejection / Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 56-63 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1 for lacking a written description of the invention as claimed. Specifically, the Examiner has suggested that particular limitations in each of the claims lack support in Applicant's specification.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 56, which was specifically cited by the Examiner as having an insufficient written description. (Claims 62 and 63, also cited by the Examiner, have now been amended to depend from claim 56).¹

So amended, claim 56 is now fully supported by the specification, as are all of the dependent claims. Indeed, most of the support can be found in Figure 7 and its supporting text (col. 3, l. 61 to col. 4, l. 53), which provides "a cross-sectional view of a cathodoluminescent element 10 in accordance with one embodiment of the invention." Citation to original USP

¹ Please note that claims 56-63 are not original claims in the issued patent. Instead, they were new claims added by preliminary amendment when the present reissue application was filed. Accordingly, MPEP § 1453(V)(D) is clear that the proper format for these claims is that they be completely underlined, even if they are subsequently amended:

"An amendment of a 'new claim' (i.e., a claim not found in the patent, that was previously presented in the reissue application) must be done by presenting the amended 'new claim' containing the amendatory materials, and completely underlining the claim. The presentation cannot contain any bracketing or other indication of what was in the previous version of the claim. This is because all changes in the reissue are made vis-à-vis the original patent, and not in comparison to the prior amendment. Although the presentation of the amended claim does not contain any indication of what is changed from the previous version of the claim, applicant must point out what is changed in the 'Remarks' portion of the amendment. Also, per 37 CFR 1.173(c), each change made in the claim must be accompanied by an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the change."

The Examiner's Office Action indicates that brackets were the appropriate manner for formatting amendments to claims 56-63. However, in light of this clear recitation from the MPEP, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner, and submits that the proper formatting has been followed in this response.

6,366,266, col. 3, ll. 46-48. To prove support, citations to the specification (i.e., the '266 patent) are made for claims 56-63 as amended:

56. A field emission display device comprising:
a p-type substrate [Fig. 7; **element 12**] defining an upper surface;
a first n-type doped region [Fig. 7; **element 14**] formed in said p-type substrate at said upper surface of said p-type substrate;
a second n-type doped region [Fig. 7; **element 16**] spaced from said first n-type doped region and formed in said p-type substrate at said upper surface of said p-type substrate;
an electrically conductive metallic film [Figs. 5 and 7; **element 22**] formed over said upper surface of said p-type substrate and in contact with the first and second n-type doped regions;
an electrically conductive grid [Fig. 7; **element 24**];
an electrically conductive anode structure [Fig. 7; **element 30/32**]; and
an electron emitter [Fig. 7; **element 18**] conductively coupled to said first n-type doped region [Fig. 7; **element 14**], wherein said at least one electron emitter [Fig. 7; **element 18**] and said grid [Fig. 7; **element 24**] are displaced from said anode structure [Fig. 7; **element 30/32**] across a field emission region.
57. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 wherein said electron emitter [Fig. 7; **element 18**] is formed over said first n-type doped region [Fig. 7; **element 14**].
58. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 57 wherein said electron emitter [Fig. 7; **element 18**] is formed integrally with said first n-type doped region [Fig. 7; **element 14**].
59. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 wherein said electron emitter [Fig. 7; **element 14**] comprises a tip [col. 3, l. 64].
60. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 wherein said anode structure comprises a phosphor coated screen [col. 4, ll. 26-30].
61. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 wherein said metallic film is platinum silicide [col. 4, ll. 4-6].
62. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 wherein said metallic film and said p-type substrate comprise an infra-red-sensitive junction [col. 4, ll. 6-8].
63. A field emission display device as claimed in claim 56 further comprising a dielectric layer [Fig. 7; **element 26**] between the grid [Fig. 7; **element 24**] and the metallic film [Fig. 7; **element 22**].

In short, claims 56-63 as amended are fully supported by the specification, and fully compliant with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1.

IV. Supplemental Declaration:

A supplemental declaration is attached herewith as required by MPEP § 1414.01.

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Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-63 are allowable, and requests that a Notice of Allowance issue for these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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